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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2005, Applicant responds as follows.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses and requests reconsideration.

Claims 1-20, 23 and 24 are pending. Claims 21 and 22 have already been withdrawn based on a previous restriction requirement.

The office action attempts to restrict claims to three allegedly different inventions and groups the claims as follows: Group I – Claims 1-12; Group II – Claims 13-16; and Group III – Claims 17-20, 23 and 24. The reason for the alleged distinctness is that the inventions are related as combination and subcombination in that the combination as claimed “does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability.” (See Restriction Requirement, page 2). However, Applicant respectfully submits that it appears that the claims have been misapprehended since each of the pending independent claims requires the subcombination of claim 1 and as such, the first element of the test applied in the restriction requirement is not met